

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to add my strong belief for the record against this anti-consumer bill. These conglomerate radio companies such as Clear Channel continue to make a mockery out of the airwaves. This bill is just another example and is clearly being done to diminish competition. The congressmen involved in sponsorship are either severely misinformed or clearly in the back pocket of these conglomerates. I would give them the benefit and say they are just misinformed.

For someone who who is on the road a lot on the eastern corridor, XM provides an invaluable time and safety service to me. Where else while on the road can I find out traffic and weather situation in cities that I will be traveling through ahead of time. There have been several traffic and weather situations that I have been able to avoid and plan around due to XM. If I had to wait for local weather updates on FM/AM radio I would have to not only have to wait until I was nearing the city, which case it would be too late to avoid trouble, or sit through several minutes of talk, music etc, in hopes of hearing the weather. And if it were not rush hour, there would never be traffic updates.

I am just one person, but think of the thousands of people who have XM and use the traffic channels in the same manner. The public safety that this service provides is outstanding and the FCC should clearly be a proponent for the consumers in this case and not for the radio conglomerates.

Thank you for your time.

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